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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

1. SUPPLEMENTING THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S TALK WITH CARAMANLIS, I HAD SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH CARAMANLIS. HE TOLD ME THAT CAGLAYANGIL IN HIS PRIVATE MEETING WITH BITSIOS MAY 30 EXPLAINED AT SOME LENGTH THE POLITICAL PROBLEM WHICH HE AND DEM FEL HAVE. IN EFFECT THE TURKS WERE ASKING FOR MORE TIME TO SORT THINGS OUT WHILE THE COMMUNITY TALKS CONCENTRATED ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. I TOLD CARAMANLIS THAT I WOULD URGE DEMIREL NOT TO DELAY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND THAT I WOULD URGE THE TURKS TO BEGIN TALKING ABOUT TERRITORY. CARAMANLIS ASKED ME WHAT MY VIEW WAS ON PERCENTAGES AND I TOLD HIM THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET THE TURKS DOWN TO 30 PERCENT AND CARAMANLIS SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD PROBABLY GET UP TO 25 PERCENT.

2. BILL EAGLETON WILL BE GETTING A REPORT ON TOMORROW'S DISCUSSION WITH TZOUNIS AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW ABOUT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND WHAT LINE YOU SHOULD TAKE WHEN THEY RETURN TO ATHENS.

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